

DURABLE SECURITY DEVICES AND SECURITY ARTICLES  
EMPLOYING SUCH DEVICES

ABSTRACT OF THE INVENTION

5           Durable security devices that are resistant to chemical attack and mechanical  
degradation and security articles employing such devices, are provided. By way of the  
durable security device of the present invention, opposing longitudinal borders adjacent an  
information-bearing layer are sealed, thereby preventing corrosive and/or degrading materials  
from reaching this layer through these sealed borders. In a preferred embodiment, at least a  
10   portion of the information-bearing layer is fully encapsulated, thereby rendering this portion  
or layer and the information conveyed thereby, impervious to chemical attack.

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